



**ORDERS CONCEIVED**  
by the Lords of His Maiesties Priuie Councell,  
and by His highnesse speciall direction, commanded to be put in execution, for the restraint  
of killing and eating of Flesh this next Lent, and to be executed as well by the Lord Maior  
within the City and suburbs of London, and by the Officers of the Liberties and exempt  
places in & about the same, As by Order to be prescribed through all the Counties of this  
Realme, to the Iustices of Peace, Lords of Liberties, and Officers of Corporate townes.

*Novemember 12. In the eleuenth yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine,  
France, and Ireland.*

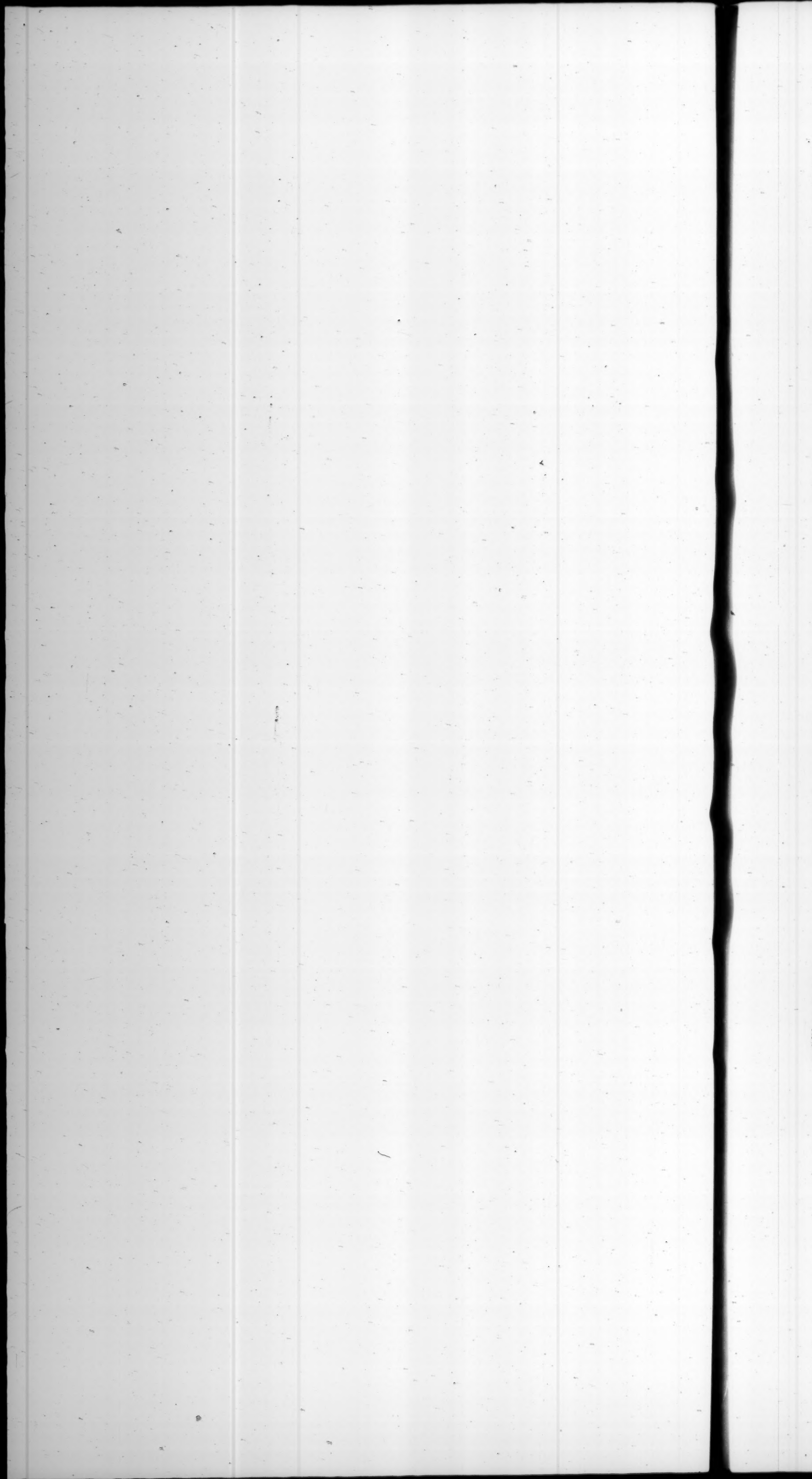


He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, vnderstanding of the great  
good and benefit, which did ensue the last yeere in the course taken by  
forbidding to kill and vtter Flesh in the time of Lent, And conside-  
ring how expedient it is, that such directions, as haue bene heretofore  
concerned, and published for a Rule of order and moderation in that  
time of abstinence, be duely kept and obserued: hath giuen charge,  
and commandement, That a more seuerer and stricter course be ta-  
ken for the preuenting of such ill consequents, as haue happened by  
the licentiousnesse of former times. then could conueniently be execu-  
ted the last yeere vpon so short warning, after so long a time of liber-  
tie and disorder: And therefore to the end euery man may take notice of His Maiesties expresse  
pleasure and commandement, and prouide himselfe accordingly for the due obseruance of Lent,  
as may best sute with the Policie of State, and the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, hath  
commanded that these Orders following be now published. to be obserued, and put in due execu-  
tion in the time of this next Lent.



First, whereas it appeareth, that the chiefe cause of all abuse and disorder hath  
growne from the Licences, that haue bene granted to Butchers to kill and vt-  
ter Flesh contrary to Law; And that it is plaine, that no Maior, Iustice of  
Peace, or other person, of what degree or qualitie soeuer, can grant any Licence  
in this kinde: And that wee of his Maiesties Priuie Councell doe forbear to  
grant any such Licence, or to giue way thereunto: It is therefore ordered vpon  
the Penalties prouided by Law, and such further punishment to be inflicted vpon the offenders,  
as shall be thought meete, that no such Licence be granted for the killing or vttering of flesh, and  
that no Butcher, or other person whatsoever, doe kill, vtter or put to sale any flesh contrary to  
the Lawes established and prouided in that behalfe.

And for the auoyding of such inconueniences, as haue risen by disorders in this kinde: The  
Lord Maior of London, and euery other Officer and Iustice of Peace, shall call before  
them, and send for any of the Seruants of any Inholders, Victualers, Cookes, Tauer-  
ners, and keepers of ordinary Tables, and such others that vtter Victuals, to examine them  
vpon their corporall Oathes, what flesh is, or hath bene, during the Lent season, dressed, killed,  
vttered, or eaten in their houses; which if they shall refuse to doe, then to commit to Prison the  
said Seruants, so refusing vpon their Oathes to declare the truth.





**T**hat the Lord Maior shall now presently before Lent, or at the beginning thereof, cause all Inholders, Keepers of ordinary Tables, Victualers, Alehouse-keepers, and Tauerneors, Within the Citie and Liberties thereof, to appeare before him, or such persons as hee shall appoint meet for that purpose, and shall take Bonds with sufficient Sureties of euery of them in good summes of money, viz. one hundred pounds the Principall, and the Sureties thirtie pounds apiece, to his Maiesties vse, not to dresse any Flesh in their houses this Lent time, for any respect, nor suffer it to be eaten: The like Bonds with Sureties shalbe taken of the like persons, vpon like Penalties by the chiefe Officers of Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, and euery of the said Bonds to be certified into his Maiesties Exchequer.

**A**nd for the Butchers and others that come with Victuals of flesh out of the Countrey to the Citie, the Lord Maior shall cause certaine persons to watch at the Gates, and other like places in the Suburbs, where flesh may be brought in, to view and search, and to intercept the same: and if any of those watchmen be found negligent, and corrupt in his charge, then hee to be committed to Prison during the whole Lent.

**A**nd to the end the Fishermen may imploy themselves to Sea, with better encouragement then heretofore; And that the Fishmongers may furnish themselves with such store from time to time hereafter as shalbe expedient aswell for the prouision of the Citie, as for selling the same at reasonable rates: They are hereby required to take notice of his Maiesties commandement, and constant resolution for the obseruance of Lent, and Fish dayes both now and hereafter, as by Law is required.

**A**nd forasmuch as the vse and libertie now taken, is so farre declined from the abstinence, and moderation of former times, as instead of fasting, and forbearing Suppers on Fridayes both in Lent, and other times, which heretofore was duely obserued; there is now nothing more vsuall, then to make speciall choise of Friday nights for Suppers and entertainment, and to marke out those dayes for riot and excesse, to the great offence and scandall of Government: For the auoyding whereof, as it is to be wished, that euery man would be a rule of order to himselfe in his owne house, aswel in respect of the Publique, as of his priuate ease and commoditie: So his Maiestie doeth straitly charge and command all Inholders, Keepers of Ordinary Tables, Victualers, Alehouse keepers, and Tauerneors, not to make any Supper for any person, or persons whatsoever vpon Friday nights, either in Lent or out of Lent, nor to suffer any Meate to be then drested, vttered, sold, or eaten in their houses, vpon such punishment, as is due to those that shall contemne his Maiesties Royall pleasure and commandement.

**A**nd as these Orders are expressly deuised to be executed in the Citie of London, and places neere to the same: So his Maiesties pleasure and Commandement is, That the execution of these, or like Orders be performed by the commandement of his Maiesties Iustices of Peace in all Shires within their Rule, and to all other Officers in Townes Corporate, or in any Liberties, with like order for the Bonds to be taken to his Maiesties vse, and certified into the Exchequer: And that no maner of toleration, fauour or conniuentie to be vsed by any Iustice of Peace, or other Officer, contrary to the true meaning of these Orders, as both they that shall presume wittingly so to tolerate the offence, as also the Party himselfe offending, will answer the same at their vttermost perils. It being his Maiesties expresse pleasure, that his Lawes in this case shall be hereafter severely executed vpon all offenders whatsoever.



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